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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Prior to 1934, no sanction of the Government was required for employment of health visitors by local boards and municipalities except in cases where the expenditure thereon was met from the Village Development Fund. A few district boards and municipalities submitted to Government schemes of maternity relief and child-welfare and the Government did not object to the adoption of the same by the local bodies concerned. The District Board of Kurnool and the municipalities of Coimbatore and Trichinopoly have now applied to Government for sanction for the appointment of health visitors in the schemes approved by the Director of Public Health. The matter is under consideration. Generally, Government do not object to the employment of health visitors by local bodies provided the local bodies concerned are financially in a position to meet the cost involved.

(*c*) The Madras Provincial Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society have with effect from June 1935 introduced a sliding scale of 50 per cent for the first year, $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent for the second year and $16\frac{2}{3}$ per cent for the third year, in the case of the grants which they are giving to local bodies employing health visitors trained in their school.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) No.

Districts in receipt of anti-malarial grants.

* 373 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the districts are to which grants have been given this year for anti-malarial campaign; and

(*b*) what the reasons are for not giving such grants to other districts?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No grant will be made during the current year to any local board or municipal council for anti-malarial operations. Provision has been made in the current year's civil budget estimate of this province for carrying out improvements to the Moraravanka and field channels in Talamanchipatnam, Cuddapah district, which are in charge of the Revenue Department and to the Basavanna and Roya channels in the Hospet Municipality which are in charge of the Public Works department. These improvements were considered necessary to control the outbreak of malaria in the areas concerned. Out of the allotment of Rs. 14 lakhs made by the Government of India to this Government for rural uplift, it is proposed to spend Rs. 50,000 on anti-malarial measures in rural areas. A copy of G.O. No. 1770, P.H.,

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dated 12th July 1935, passing orders for utilization of this grant has already been placed on the table [a] of the Legislative Council.

Schemes that were ready for execution and were urgent were selected for utilization of the allotment from the Government of India grant.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know, Sir, which are the districts which are proposed to be given funds for this purpose?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"There is no such proposal before the Government."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"May I know, whether Government have any idea of making grants to municipalities like Madura and Kumbakonam for anti-malarial operations?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"Not as far as I can recollect."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"May I know if Government do not consider it necessary in the interests of public health that such schemes should be thought of by Government?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"Many necessary schemes are put off for want of funds."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"Out of the amount allotted by the Government of India, our Government have set apart Rs. 50,000 for anti-malarial work. Could not Government grant another Rupees 50,000 for this purpose and thus help the people of the two towns?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"This Rs. 50,000 is a grant from the Government of India and not from out of the provincial revenues."

TRUTH ALONE TRIUMPHS

Agriculture

Measures taken for the promotion of fruit cultivation in the presidency.

* 374 *Q.*—Mr. K. Koti Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total acreage in this Presidency of fruit cultivation;

(*b*) what steps the Government have taken to help the fruit industry;

(*c*) what is the amount spent on fruit farm stations on the hills and on the plains during the last four years;

(*d*) the acreage of fruit cultivation on the hills and on the plains; and

(*e*) whether any steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken for providing reliable fruit plants to gardeners?

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[a] Printed as Appendix II-A on pages 422–423 infra.